REMARKS

Interview Summary

The applicant thanks the examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview that was conducted on Wednesday, November 23, 2005. During that interview, the examiner and the undersigned discussed the relevance of Johnson patent no. 3,949,510 to the independent claims The undersigned suggested that if the independent claims were amended to include a handle that was "non-rotatably connected" to the body, then the application would be allowable over the Johnson patent. The examiner agreed and requested that the applicant submit an appropriate amendment.

35 USC §§ 102 and 103 rejections

Independent claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by the Johnson patent. The applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable because the Johnson patent does not teach or suggest a handle that is "non-rotatably connected" to the body of the fish catching device. The remaining claims are dependent either directly or indirectly on claims 1 and 10 and are allowable for the same reason.

Conclusion

In view of the aforesaid, the applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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